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SUBJ: PRAVDA COMMENTS ON KISSINGER APPOINTMENTS

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS HAS DRAWN TOGETHER FAVORABLE US PRESS REACTIONS TO KISSINGER APPOINTMENT, THEREBY SIGNIFYING SOVIETS' OWN SATISFACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA ARTICLE AUG 30 BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT B. STRELNIKOV DISCUSSES US PRESS REACTION TO APPOINTMENT OF DR. KISSINGER TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE. DRAWING ON TIME, NEWSWEEK, AND NEW YORK TIMES, STRELNIKOV WRITES THAT KISSINGER APPOINTMENT WAS NOT SURPRISING AND HAD BEEN RUMORED FOR SOME TIME. HE NOTES THAT KISSINGER IS WELL KNOWN BY HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE "MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY ACTIONS OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS" INCLUDING VIETNAM SETTLEMENT AND THE NEGOTIATIONS PREPARATORY TO PRESIDENT'S TRIPS TO MOSCOW AND PEKING.

3. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF KISSINGER'S ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH PRESIDENT SINCE 1968, STRELNIKOV OFFERS THROUGH CITATIONS OF US PRESS AN ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

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KISSINGER APPOINTMENT WILL HAVE ON US FOREIGN POLICY. HE CITES

TIME TO EFFECT THAT, IN COMBINING POSTS OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, KISSINGER WILL HAVE GREATEST AUTHORITY IN US FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE JOHN FOSTER DULLES. STRELNIKOV ALSO OBSERVES THAT MANY IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE KISSINGER APPOINTMENT IS MEANT TO END FOREIGN POLICY CONFLICT BETWEEN WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS AND TO STEM CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF WHITE HOUSE SECRECY IN CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH CITATION OF TIME INTERVIEW WITH KISSINGER IN WHICH LATTER EXPRESSES HIS INTENTION TO ENLIVEN US RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN, HIS BELIEF IN POSSIBILITY OF A MID EAST SETTLEMENT, HIS INTENTION TO DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICA AND HIS DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT VIETNAM SETTLEMENT.

4. COMMENT: STRELNIKOV ARTICLE FOLLOWS BRIEF, UNUSUALLY RAPID COVERAGE OF KISSINGER APPOINTMENT AND HIS MEETING WITH PRESS. AS FIRST SIGNIFICANT SOVIET COMMENTARY ON KISSINGER APPOINTMENT, IT CONFIRMS SOVIET SATISFACTION OVER PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUITY IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND US FOREIGN POLICY IN GENERAL.
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